

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2004  
6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m., with Darrin McGowan, John Byrne, Brian Sheehan, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Councilman Fields was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, Scott Murray, WKWH, and Starr Shuppert, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES \* \* \***

Minutes of the November 16, 2004 meeting were presented for approval. Byrne made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT \* \* \***

- The committee for the Long Term Control Plan has completed their meetings. They will be submitting a draft to the Utility Board and the City Council. At the December 15<sup>th</sup> Utility Board meeting and the next City Council meeting a representative from Butler Fairman will present the findings of the committee at a public hearing. I have distributed a draft copy of the plan for your review prior to the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.
- We have been served notice that the City of Rushville has been named in a civil action in a petition or remonstrance by Hollywood Investments, Inc. This is from the Council's decision to vacate 160' of Diana Court. Ron Wilson is representing Hollywood Investments in the action.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT \* \* \***

It was reported that final bills need to be in to Debbie by Noon on December 27<sup>th</sup>. Councilmen McGowan, Sheehan, and Byrne will approve the final docket on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

The State Board of Accounts will conduct the audit exit conference on December 13 at 8:30 at City Hall if anyone wishes to attend.

A wage and benefit survey will be placed with the employee's paychecks on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Employees need to complete the survey and return to the Clerk's office by Friday, December 17 by 4:00 p.m. The City Utilities are included in the survey.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT \* \* \***

Riverside Park the area for the stage has been cleared. Pavey will set down with the Mayor to see about encumbering money for next year's budget.

Board of Works recommended updating the Personnel Policy Handbook.

Subdivision Ordinance still doing research.

Pavey has information on the bond for Bennett and Bennett if anyone wishes to take a look at it.

Asked to by a group to participate in getting memorabilia on Wendell Wilkie.

Asked by the ECDC to support an Hwy 3 corridor.

Community Center is working on distance learning grants and will be asking for a letter of support from Council.

Sheehan moved to give Council approval for the 3 items Pavey mentioned. McGowan seconded. Motion carried.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS \* \* \***

**Police** – Williams asked permission to carry forward the money left in the Cum Cap line item for the purchase of a police car. Byrne made the motion to approve the request. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**United Fund** – Sheehan passed out pledge cards for the United Fund and urged them to pledge money to help out.

#### **CITIZEN CONCERNS \* \* \***

None.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Fiber Optics Contract** – A joint venture agreement was passed out for review by Council. Council had concern as to who will manage it. Sheehan made a motion to encumber \$10,000.00 from the 2004 Cedit budget for the Fiber Optics. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS \* \* \***

**Ordinance 2004-27 Amending Abandon Vehicle Ordinance** – Byrne made a motion to approve Ordinance 2004-27. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion

carried. Sheehan made a motion to set the fee at \$100.00 under Section C of Ordinance 2004-27. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Contract for Services for ECDC** – Pavey made a motion to approve the contract. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Claims** – Byrne made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before Council, Pavey made a motion to adjourn. McGowan seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

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CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

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DARRIN L. MCGOWAN, MEMBER

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JOHN M. BYRNE, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER